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TOPIC Military Information from Burg

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EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT late May to 17 June 1952

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REMARKS *RETURN TO USA*

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1. On 17 June, the Alte Kaserne in Burg (U 53/Y 81) was occupied by a rear detail of about 50 officers and 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Most of them wore tank insignia. Ranking officer was a colonel. A canvas-covered T-34 tank was seen in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen entering the installation. *

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2. On 10 June, an AAA unit with 6 x 85-mm AA guns and 12 x 37-mm AA guns was seen leaving the Neue Kaserne. The two buildings which had been occupied by the AAA unit have been vacant since that date. Prior to 17 June, the barracks installation was occupied by 150 officers and 750 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia, but about 10 percent with motor transport insignia. The ranking officer was a colonel who wore artillery insignia. Two buildings were completely unlighted after dark, while six buildings were 60 to 90 percent lighted. On 13 June, 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia armed with carbines were seen returning to the installation from the Kraehenberge (hills), while 30 soldiers were seen receiving instruction in the barracks yard and 30 other soldiers were seen receiving instruction on three full-track prime movers, each towing a 100-mm AT gun. A column of motor vehicles each occupied by 4 to 5 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia and [redacted]

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were seen leaving the barracks installation for drivers' training. On 17 June, four prime movers [redacted]

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each towing a gun of apparently 152-mm caliber and occupied by 6 to 8 soldiers were seen engaged in driving practice in the Kraehenberge (hills). **

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3. In late May, [redacted] the komendatura which had been stationed at the town exit on the road to Zerbst during recent years had returned to its previous rooms at 8-9 Strasse der deutsch-sowjetischen Freundschaft, formerly Kreuzgang Strasse, on about 20 May. About 50 officers including a colonel as ranking officer, who wore crimson epaulets, were seen. The colonel used sedan [redacted] the driver of which wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

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* [redacted] Comment. The Alte Kaserne was apparently still occupied as previously by a large rear detail of the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the Third Shock Army. See [redacted] Previous vague indications that a tank training unit is attached to the regiment tend to indicate that the large rear detachment may be this unit. [redacted]

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- 25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. Transportation reports indicate that, on 10 June 1952, two trains of the unidentified AA regiment of the LXXIX Mts rifle Corps went to "ustrow."
25X1 [REDACTED] The occupation of the other sections of the barracks
25X1 Installation by units of the 41th (?) Army Arty Brig was confirmed until 17 June 1952.

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